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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON
KHADDAM (S/S NUMBER 7624832)
FOR THE SECRETARY FROM NEA - ATHERTON

1. THE PROBLEM: ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER/FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM WAS WOUNDED IN DAMASCUS
WHEN STILL UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS TRIED TO ASSASSINATE HIM BY
OPENING FIRE ON THE CAR IN WHICH HE WAS BEING DRIVEN.

2. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
TO KHADDAM EXPRESSING GRATIFICATION THAT HE SURVIVED THE
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

APPROVE..... DISAPPROVE.....

3. TELEGRAM TO DAMASCUS. BEGIN TEXT:

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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4. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO KHADDAM
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

5. DEAR MR. MINISTER: I WAS RELIEVED AND GRATIFIED BY
THE NEWS THAT THE VILLAINS WHO TRIED TO TAKE YOUR LIFE
WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. I WISH YOU THE SPEEDIEST POSSIBLE
RECOVERY FROM YOUR INJURIES. I HOPE, TOO, THAT MRS.
KHADDAM, WHO I UNDERSTAND WAS RIDING IN THE CAR WITH
YOU AT THE TIME, IS UNHURT.

WITH WARMEST REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER END TEXT.

7. DRAFTED:NEA/ARN:MDRAPER:LF

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